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## Sac and Fox Nation Announces Agricultural Relief Program for Eligible Native Farmers and Ranchers

The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee is pleased to announce the Sac and Fox Nation was awarded a grant from the Native American Agricultural Fund (NAAF) to provide assistance to Native farmers and ranchers in the Sac and Fox Nation's jurisdiction who are facing hardships because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thanks to the NAAF grant, the Sac and Fox Nation will be able provide a one-time award of \$1,000.00 to 48 eligible Native farmers and ranchers. Applications are being accepted now and will be reviewed on a first come, first serve basis. To be eligible, you must:

- Reside in the Sac and Fox Nation's jurisdiction (Lincoln, and parts of Pottawatomie and Payne counties);
- Provide proof of Tribal enrollment (any federally recognized Indian tribe) or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood;
- Provide proof of livestock or farm status (recent Schedule F, Form 4835, sales tax exemption documentation, or FFA/4H documentation for students);
- Identify how your agricultural operation has been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Submit a completed application and W-9 to the Sac and Fox Nation.

Applications are available online at: <a href="http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/">http://sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov/</a> or by contacting the COVID Relief Department at (918) 968-3526 ext. 1819 or coviddept@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.

"As we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to recognize the critical role of farmers and ranchers. We thank the Native American Agricultural Fund for their support so we can provide relief to the Native farmers and ranchers in our jurisdiction," said Principal Chief Justin F. Wood. "Native farmers and ranchers feed our communities, ensure our food security, and are an important part of Oklahoma's economy."

Please direct all questions to the Sac and Fox Nation COVID Relief Department: (918) 968-3526 ext.1819.